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1; PETROLEUM OFFICER CALLED O.A. OKANLA, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PETROLEUM RESOURCES IN CHARGE OF OPEC AND ECONOMIC MATTERS, TO DISCUSS NIGERIAN DELEGATION. OKANLA, WHO WOULD NORMALLY BE BEST CONTACT FOR REPORTING OFFICER BASH, HAD JUST RETURNED TO WORK MORNING OF DECEMBER 13 AFTER EXTENDED LEAVE AND SAID HE WAS NOT GOING TO DOHA. HE SUGGESTED ANYONE WISHING TO OBTAIN VIEWS OF NIGERIAN DELEGATION GET IN TOUCH WITH HEAD OF DELEGATION, COMMISSIONER OF PETROLEUM RESOURCES COLONEL MUHAMMED BUHARI, OR PERMANENT SECRETARY OF PETROLEUM RESOURCES, MR. S.B. AWONIYI. OKANLA SAID BUHARI AND AWONIYI LEFT FOR DOHA OVER WEEKEND. OKANLA NOT SURE IF DIRECTOR OF PETROLEUM RESOURCES F.R.A. MARINHO, WHO REPRESENTS NIGERIA ON OPEC BOARD OF GOVERNORS, IS GOING TO ATTEND DOHA MINISTERIAL, ALTHOUGH MARINHO ALSO OUT OF TOWN.

2. PETROLEUM OFFICER WOULD SUGGEST FIRST CHOICE FOR REPORTING OFFICER CONTACT IS MARINHO IF HE IS THERE. MARINHO IS PROBABLY MOST TECHNICALLY COMPETENT MEMBER OF DELEGATION AS FAR AS OIL MATTERS CONCERNED. OTHERWISE MAY BE WORTHWHILE GOING STRAIGHT TO BUHARI IN SPITE OF HIS HIGH POSITION. PETROLEUM OFFICER HAS MET BUHARI ONCE, AT SEMINAR ARRANGED IN LAGOS BY ELF OIL COMPANY, AND
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FOUND HIM APPROACHABLE, PLEASANT, AND FAIRLY FORTHCOMING,

ALTHOUGH HE DEFERS TO CIVIL SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON
TECHNICAL MATTERS.
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